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REMARKS

Claims 1-81 were pending in the subject application. By this amendment, claims 1-81 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 82-109 have been added. Applicant maintains that the amendments do not raise an issue of new matter. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the 47 references that are listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A-B (5 pages). Copies of the 40 non-U.S. patent documents are attached hereto. Twenty-five (25) of the references were cited in the International Search Report issued in connection with PCT/BE2004/000172, a copy of which is enclosed with the application. A copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability issued in connection with PCT/BE2004/000172 is also being submitted with the subject application.

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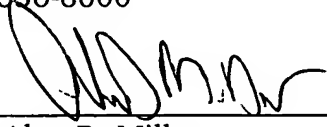
CONCLUSION

A check for \$1,250.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fees for a small entity for 1) the basic national fee ($\$300.00 \div 2 = \150.00), 2) examination fee ($\$200.00 \div 2 = \100.00), 3) search fee ($\$400.00 \div 2 = \200.00), 4) 8 claims in excess of twenty claims ($\$50.00 \times 8 = \$400.00 \div 2 = \$200.00$), 5) 1 independent claim in excess of three independent claims ($\$200.00 \div 2 = \100.00), and 6) fee for additional sheets of application over 100 sheets ($\$1,000.00 \div 2 = \500.00). No other fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this application, Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement. However, if any other fee is required to preserve the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785. Overpayments may also be credited to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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